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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of TAMURA, Yasuhiko and IIZUKA, Yoshinori  
DESIGN SUPPORT APPARATUS, DESIGN SUPPORT METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM  
Assignee: JUSTSYSTEM CORPORATION,  
IIZUKA, Yoshinori and TAMURA, Yasuhiko  
Our Ref: Q79169

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/243,652 (Confirmation No.4913) filed September 16, 2002 of TAMURA, Yasuhiko and IIZUKA, Yoshinori entitled DESIGN SUPPORT APPARATUS, DESIGN SUPPORT METHOD, AND PROGRAM.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2125.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-076895	March 19, 2002

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/243,652.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>5</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>      </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>      </u>	\$0.00	
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>      </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>      </u>	\$0.00	
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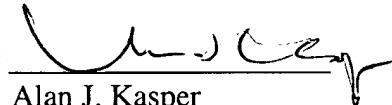
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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